

# PharmaCare Newsletter

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In the April 10, 2006 issue of the PharmaCare Newsletter, we announced an interim solution for payments for pharmacy services to long-term care facilities under which pharmacies would be paid \$35 per occupied bed. We requested that, during this interim period, pharmacies return to submitting Plan B invoices as they had in the past and that they also submit Personal Health Number (PHN) Reports.

## Submitting Plan B Invoices During the Interim Period

To prevent complication of the PharmaCare payment process, please submit Plan B invoices promptly after the end of each month—as described in the PharmaCare/PharmaNet: Policies and Procedures manual, Section 6.2.3—to: PharmaCare, P.O. Box 9655 Stn Prov Govt, Victoria BC V8W 9P2.

## Submitting PHN Reports

Note that only PHN information for May, June and July will be analysed.

When submitting PHN Reports, please:

- Use the Microsoft Excel™ or Microsoft Word™ forms made available on the PharmaCare website Newsletter page at [www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharme/newsletter/index.html](http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharme/newsletter/index.html). If you cannot download forms from the Internet, you can request electronic copies by e-mail. Send your request to [Pharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Pharma@gov.bc.ca).
- Submit the information by fax only if you have no other reasonable alternative. High volumes of faxed reports will delay the analysis.

The image shows a screenshot of a form titled 'PHARMACY INFORMATION' and 'PATIENT INFORMATION'. The 'PHARMACY INFORMATION' section includes fields for Pharmacy Name, Address, and City. The 'PATIENT INFORMATION' section includes a table with columns for 'PATIENT NAME', 'PATIENT ADDRESS', and 'PATIENT CITY'. The form is designed for data entry and is likely used for submitting PHN reports.

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The use of PharmaNet is not intended as a substitute for professional judgment. Information on PharmaNet is not exhaustive and cannot be relied upon as complete. The absence of a warning about a drug or drug combination is not an indication that the drug or drug combination is safe, appropriate or effective in any given patient. Health care professionals should confirm information obtained from PharmaNet, and ensure no additional relevant information exists, before making patient care decisions.



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- If you must submit by fax, use a printed copy of one of the PharmaCare LTC PHN Report forms mentioned above. Printed copies can be requested from the PharmaNet HelpDesk by calling the usual contact numbers. On faxes, please clearly indicate "LTC PHN Report" and your pharmacy code. Fax to 250-952-2790.
- Submit a separate form for each facility.
- The information submitted must include the following if it is to be used in the analysis:
  - Month
  - Pharmacy Name
  - Pharmacy Code
  - Maximum # of Beds Allowed
  - # of Beds Claimed
  - LTC Facility Name
  - Personal Health Number
  - Insurer Code (PharmaCare = PC, Other Insurer = OI, Patient Pay = PP, No Medication = NM)
- To protect the privacy of your patients' information, do not include a patient's name, gender, physician information or other information.
- Enter one or two insurer codes as appropriate. For example:
  - If a patient is covered by PharmaCare but some of their prescriptions are paid by a federal insurer, under "Insurer Code," enter PC/OI—even if all prescriptions processed during the month were under either PharmaCare or the other insurer.
  - If the patient is covered by PharmaCare but made co-payments, enter PC/PP.
  - If the patient is covered by PharmaCare but had no medications during the month, enter NM.
  - If the patient has no coverage under any insurer, enter PP.

Please submit the PHN Reports as soon as possible after the end of the month. Timely filing of these reports will enable PharmaCare and the BCPhA to assess and resolve the issues. Once again, we would like to thank you for your patience as we work to identify a permanent solution.

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